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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER  
AND FEE TRANSMITTAL FORM (37 CFR 1.53(b))**

BOX PATENT APPLICATION  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR 1.53(b) is:

- ☒ a patent application  
☐ a Continuation ☐ a Divisional ☐ a Continuation-in-Part (CIP)  
of prior application no.: ; filed .  
☐ A Small Entity Statement(s) was filed in the prior application; Status still proper and desired.

Inventor(s) or Application Identifier:

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Entitled: TOBACCO PROCESSING

Enclosed are:

1. ☒ Application Transmittal Letter and Fee Transmittal Form (*A duplicate is enclosed for fee processing*)
2. ☒ 20 pages of Specification (including 13 claims)
3. ☐ sheets of Formal Drawings (35 USC 113)
4. ☐ Oath or Declaration
  - a. ☐ newly executed (*original or copy*)
  - b. ☐ copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d) (*for continuation/divisional*) [Note Box 5 Below]
  - c. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S) (*Signed statement deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application*)
5. ☐ Incorporation By Reference (*useable if box 4b is checked*)

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
6. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (*Appendix*)
7. ☐ Assignment papers (*cover sheet(s) and document(s)*) Filed in parent application
8. ☐ Small Entity Statement(s)
9. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449, and references cited
10. ☐ Preliminary Amendment (*Please enter all claim amendments prior to calculating the filing fee.*)
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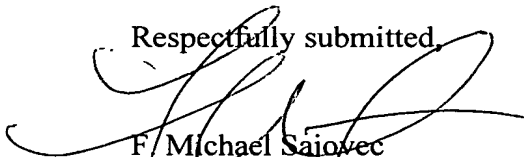
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14. ☐ An Associate Power of Attorney
15. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) *(Should be specifically itemized)*
16. ☐ Other:

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Respectfully submitted,

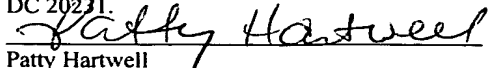
  
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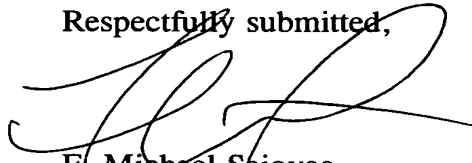
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APPLICATION FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.41(c)

Sir:

The above identified application is being filed on behalf of the inventor,  
David McCray Peele, resident of Edenton, North Carolina, under the provisions of 37 CFR  
1.41(c). A Declaration and Power of Attorney from the inventor will follow, 37 CFR  
1.63.

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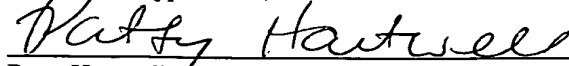
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